

What is the Voter Identification (Voter I.D.) Law?

On May 25, 2011, Governor Scott Walker signed a bill requiring voters to show a photo ID in order to vote. However, the bill also says voters do not need ID at the special and recall elections in 2011. During 2011 elections, voters will be asked to show a photo ID; however, a photo ID is not required until the Spring of 2012.



Voters who do not have photo ID for elections in 2011 will be given written information about the requirement in 2012. **In no way should any voter without ID be prohibited from voting in 2011.**

What about the recall elections?

Beginning in 2012, voters must show a photo ID in order to vote.

You can vote in the upcoming recall elections without ID. If you are asked for ID, but don't have it, just ask if you can vote without it. The answer should be yes because that's the law. We recommend bringing ID to the polls if you have it.

Spread the word.

If someone you know tells you that you that they can't vote in the recall elections because they don't have ID, set the record straight. Eligible Wisconsin voters can still vote without ID in elections prior to 2012—and this includes the recall elections!

Tips for Voting Day in 2011

- ◇ If you don't have a photo ID, **ASK IF YOU CAN VOTE WITHOUT IT!** Poll officials must inform you of your right to vote without a photo ID in 2011.
- ◇ If you have a photo ID, bring it with you.
- ◇ Be a resource for other voters who may be confused about their right to vote with a photo ID. Bring copies of this brochure with you to share!

Complaints and concerns

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process related to the Voter ID law or any other matter, you should report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at 1-800-253-3931.

If you are told by any official at any polling place that the ID is required in 2011, you should file a complaint with the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board which can be contacted by phone at 608-266-8005, or e-mail: gab@wi.gov. Their complaint form is also online at <http://gab.wi.gov/node/1282>

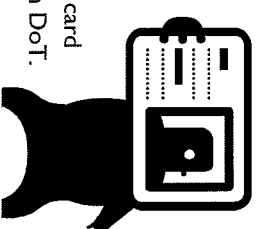
What ID will be required in 2012?

- A Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation (DoT) issued driver license
- A Wisconsin DoT-issued identification card
- An identification card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport
- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not ear-

lier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented

- An unexpired driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DoT.

- An unexpired identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DoT.



- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin. The Dept. of Transportation is required to provide free ID cards.

- An unexpired identification card issued by a Wisconsin-accredited university or college that contains the following:

- ◇ Date of Issuance
- ◇ Signature of Student
- ◇ Expiration date not later than two years after Date of Issuance

How do I get a free Voter ID?

Wisconsin Act 23 requires the Department of Transportation to provide free ID cards to any U.S. citizen who will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the next election and who requests that the identification card be provided without charge for purposes of voting. See Wis. Stat. Sec. 140.343.50(5)(a) 3.

For information about the requirements to obtain a Wisconsin ID card, please visit the Department of Transportation website: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/idcard.htm>.

Because of the need to obtain a birth certificate and other documents, **voters are urged to start the process early.**

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Thank you!

Understanding the New Voter ID Law



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Think again!



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